

EXPENDITURE—POTOMAC BRIDGE

REPORT

OF THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

Relative to Expenditures for Repairs of Potomac Bridge.

DECEMBER 8, 1836.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 7, 1836.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following statement of the expenditure made by this department in carrying into effect the joint resolution of Congress of the 7th June last, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury "to have all repairs made to the bridge across Potomac river which have become necessary from the late flood; and that the expenses of said repairs be paid out of the money heretofore appropriated for the erection of said bridge, and which is now in the Treasury unexpended."

The amount expended under this resolution is \$11,992 05—applied to the following items of expenditure, agreeably to the report of the superintending engineer, viz:

For repairs to the bridge	-	-	-	-	\$3,369 44
Do. to causeway	-	-	-	-	3,700
Do. to draws, and piers supporting them	-	-	-	-	600
Do. to abutments, and gravelling them	-	-	-	-	500
For wharfing, &c. to draw on Virginia side	-	-	-	-	1,600
Do. do. Washington side	-	-	-	-	1,400
For painting and materials	-	-	-	-	264
For superintendence, stationary	-	-	-	-	524 62
For outstanding bills for advertising, &c. for the building of bridge, paid since former report	-	-	-	-	33 99
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This was a small sum short of the estimate submitted by the engineer previous to undertaking the repairs, and left a balance of the original appropriation in the Treasury of \$4,194 18, applicable, under the joint resolution of Congress of the 1st day of July, to the graduation, gravelling,

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and planting of the Maryland avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. As soon as the repairs were completed, on the 12th of September last, the Commissioner of Public Buildings was informed of the fact by this department, in order that he might take charge of the bridge, agreeably to the second section of the joint resolution last referred to, and apply the unexpended balance to the other objects before mentioned.

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI WOODBURY,
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. JAMES K. POLK,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.